The Holy Eucharist Rite II
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Hymn at the Procession: **#690 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says;
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria: Hymnal - S280

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading From the Book of Joshua

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.
"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."
But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #462 - "The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon - The Rev. Geoffrey Taylor

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord takes great pleasure in us. God cares for us and hears our prayers. In the silence between each petition, please feel free to offer your own petitions either silently or aloud. Let us pray: "We offer our prayers; our hope is set on you, O Christ."

(1) Bless your Church, O Lord. Increase our faith in you and increase our love for one another. Increase in us also a spirit of wisdom.
(Silence)
We offer our prayers
Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

(2) Bless the human family, O Lord. Bless the poor. Bless the hungry. Bless those who now weep.
(Silence)
We offer our prayers
Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

(3) Bless this good creation, O Lord. All things were made through you and return to you. We thank you that you are already making all things new.
(Silence)
We offer our prayers
Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

(4) Bless this community, O Lord. May we be known as a generous people--doing for our neighbors with no expectation of return.
(Silence)
We offer our prayers
Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

(5) Bless those in need, O Lord. You adorn the poor with victory; you fill those who are hungry. And you love those we lift up in prayer to you. Today we pray especially for, (our prayer list)
(Silence)
We offer our prayers
Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

(4) We praise you for the lives of those who have gone on before us and now have come to eternal joys and unending glory with you and the host of Heaven. We pray for those who have died. *(Silence)*

We offer our prayers

Our hope is set on you, O Christ. Amen.

Confession of Sin BCP 360
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.
The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

Absolution

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology *Old 100th Verse 3* **Hymnal 380**

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bread is broken.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

(Prayer after Communion)
Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

(A prayer for Spiritual Communion)
Lord Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present
in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart
that I may welcome your presence with joy.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.
Let me never be separated from you. **Amen.**

The Blessing:

Hymn :

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude # 11 - "Awake, My Soul"



We welcome everyone to Church of the Epiphany today, especially our new guests. Please let us know if you'd like more information about the church. You are invited to join us for Holy Communion*. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Your gifts and tithes support our ministries in the community.

Worship Resources:

- BCP –"Book of Common Prayer"-Red or black book w/cross
- Hymnal –"The Hymnal 1982" – Red or Blue book
- WLP –"Wonder Love and Praise" - Green book
- LEVAS –"Lift Every Voice and Sing" - Red and black book

*If you do not wish to drink from the chalice at communion, cross your arms in front of your chest, or return to your seat after you receive the bread. We no longer practice dipping the bread into the cup.

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, *Presiding Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, *Bishop Diocesan*
The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson*, Assistant Bishop*
Ms. Ronda Proffit, *Organist & Choir Director*
Mrs. Carol Echols, *Parish Administrator*
Mr. Rob Martin, *Treasurer*

Vestry
Jimmy Ivie, Sr. Warden, Jo Sherwood, Jr. Warden
Donna Turner, Elizabeth Treadwell, Deb Foddrell, Caysey Petty, Jill Dineen, Deb Norton, Helen Knight

The Vestry person of the Month of November is Jill Dineen

Our Lay Reader this morning is Michelle Dallas

Announcements

Join us after the service this morning for Coffee Hour.
Our host for Coffee Hour this morning is Jill Dineen. If you would like to host Coffee Hour, there is a signup sheet inside the front door of the church

Birthdays

12: Nina Rodgers
13 :Victor Rouse

Anniversaries

12: Michelle and Keith Dallas

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Current Prayer List

All victims of war, violence of every kind, and natural disasters. Healing for our country. For our military, and all who put themselves in harm's way to protect us.

Jarrett Dineen (being deployed), Gene Austin, The family of Babby Dineen, Lyn Seymour, Lori, Danny Williams, Dawn, Darlene Harper, Jack and John, Sandi J., Skip J., Crystal Scott, Jim Pyron, Lois Clark, Frank Ferguson, Dorothy Gunn